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SUBJ: CIVAIR: DC-10 PURCHASE QUESTIONED, BACKED

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1. LAGOS

PRESS THIS WEEK CARRIES ARMS-LENGTH DEBATE OSTENSIBLY
BETWEEN SOME EMPLOYEES OF NIGERIAN AIRWAYS (NA) AND CIVAIR
COMMISSIONER (MIOISTER) SHUAIBU OVER WIRDON NA'S SEP. 15 PURCHASE

OF DC-10 INSTEAD OF B-747, DESPITE FACT THAT ON SEPT. 15 NA ALSO
CONTRACTED FOR ONE B-707 AND TWO B-727S. FIRST, NA CABIN STAFF
REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN TRAINED FOR DC-10
WHICH IS EXPECTED ARRIVE MID-OCTOBER. NEXT, ON SEP. 28 DANLY
TIMES REPORTED THAT TWO-PAHE DOCUMENT IS CIRCULATING WHICH CRI-
TICIZES DC-10 AS UNSAFE AND TECHNICALLY INFERIOR TO 747SP AND
CLAIMES THAT NA STAFF UNTRAINED FOR DC-10 WHICH ALLEGEDLY CANNOT
BE MAINTAINED AT LAGOS.

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2. TIMES AND OTHER PAPERS SEP. 28 ALSO CARRIED SHUAIBU PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH COMMISSIONER DESCRIBES ATTACKS AS MALCULATED ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE PURCHASE BY NA ENGINEER AND THREE PILOTS DISGRUNTLED AT NOT BEING CHOSEN FOR DC-10 TRAINING. SHUAIBU CLANMED THA 747SPS MORE EXPENSIVE, NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND CAONOT LAND NIGERIA UNTIL LAGOS AND KANO AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMS COMPLETED 1978. HE SAID DC-10 TRAINING UNDERWAY AND POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL CARRIERS (SWISSAIR, LUFTHANSA AND OTHERS) ALREADY OPERATE DC-10S INTO LAHOS WHILE BRITISH CALEDONIA WILL BEGIN DC-10 SERVICE NEXT YEAR. HAD HE COVERED MAINTENANCE ASPECT, HE MIGHT HAVE POINTED OUT THAT BOEINGS AHE NOT AMTUA LY MAINTAINED LAGOS EITHER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NOTEWORTHY, DEBATE UNLIVELY DAMAGE US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OR THOSE OF DOUGLAS WHICH HAS HEP HERE ATTEMPTING WIN CONTRACT FOR SECOND DC-10 NEXT YEAR. EMBASSY HAR NO RPT NO HARD FACTS BUT DOUBTS CRITICISO ENTIRELY SPONTANEOUS OR SINCERE. TWO-PAGE CRITICISM OF DC-10 IN CIRCULATION MAY BE INSPIRED IN PART BY ANONYMOUS PAMPHLET PUBLISHED ABROAD SOME TIME AGO ENTITLED QTE RISE AND FALL OF DC-10 UNQTE.
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